



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-034
Incident Number: 2021-20092928
Date of Incident: 6/7/2021
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The caller said her boyfriend was suicidal and possibly armed with a knife. She had locked herself inside a closet and he was trying to get to her. Officers located the male in his vehicle as he was leaving the address. Upon contact, he exited his truck and immediately became confrontational, screaming at officers and telling them to shoot him. He then attempted to get back into his truck. Officers attempted arm control to stop him, and a brief struggle ensued, and the suspect broke away from the officers. One officer deployed his TASER. The first deployment seemed to be only momentarily effective. The suspect and officers scuffled on the ground. A second deployment had a greater effect, and the officers were able to roll the suspect on his stomach. Officers still struggled to pull the suspect's hands out from under him and apply handcuffs. The officer applied a third TASER application to the male's thigh and officers were able to place him in handcuffs. Officers searched the male and did not find any weapons. Medics removed the TASER probes. The suspect was booked into jail for Obstructing and Resisting Arrest. Officers requested a mental health hold, due to the suspect's statements about self-harm.

